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Tonight:



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Democrats to meet

Howard County Democrats will meet at 7 this evening on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse.

BSISD trustees

Big Spring ISD trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. today for the annual evaluation of Superintendent Michael Downes.

CFS dinner

College Park Church of God, 603 Tulane, will be offering chicken fried steak dinners from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Free delivery is available. Prices are \$6.50 for a double serving; \$5 for adults; and \$3 per child.

Call 267-8593 for delivery or other information.

SMMC open house

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be holding an open house for expectant mothers from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. today. The open house will feature a tour of the labor and delivery department, prenatal care information, child-birth class registration and financial counseling and payment options. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call 268-4550.

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Police are currently searching for this man, who allegedly robbed Western National Bank at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday. Police have released the following description of the suspect: a Hispanic male, approximately 5-foot, 8-inches to 5-foot, 10-inches tall, weighing approximately 200-220 pounds with a black goatee mustache. The suspect was wearing a blue sweatshirt, blue pants and a Dallas Cowboys baseball cap. He was also wearing black-rimmed plastic sunglasses.

Western National robbed; police search for suspect

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Using nothing more than a piece of paper, an unidentified man walked out of Western National Bank with an undisclosed amount of money during a robbery Wednesday morning.

According to information provided by the Big Spring Police Department, no one was injured in the bold daylight robbery.



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The robbery occurred at approximately 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the bank, located at 607 Scurry.

"The suspect entered the bank and displayed a note to the teller indicating that a robbery was taking place," a press release issued by Big Spring police

Wednesday afternoon read. "The suspect then requested that the teller give him all of the \$100 and \$50 bills. The teller complied, and the suspect fled the bank traveling southbound on foot. No injuries were reported and no weapon was used."

Police spokesperson Lt. Terry Chamness said the amount See ROBBERY, Page 3A

Private provider to visit the state hospital on Friday

Special to the HERALD

Private mental health provider representatives will tour the Big Spring State Hospital campus Friday to gather information and determine whether to submit a proposal to manage the hospital for the state.

The visit is in response to a directive from the Texas Legislature requiring the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR) to issue a Request for

"We're staying focused on patient care, knowing that the business end will take care of itself."



Ed Moughon, BSSH CEO

Proposals to consider the possible privatization of one state hospital for the mentally ill and one state school for the mentally retarded. The legislature's intent is to cut costs through privatization. According to the directive, the private provider must operate the facility at 25 percent less than current state operating costs. The private operator would continue to provide services to the same population with the same characteristics and acuity levels, and at a quality level at least equal to the quality level achieved when TDMHMR operated the facility.

There are 10 state hospitals and 13 state schools throughout Texas. Visits will be made to each of them.

"We've been very open with our workforce from the very beginning from when this popped up during the last legislative session," said Ed Moughon, Big Spring State Hospital CEO. "I've updated our employees through this process. I've asked them to stay focused and assured them that whatever takes place, the security of direct care is pretty stable."

"This is an exploration visit, and should be treated as such," explained TDMHMR spokesman Don Rogers.

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Proud mother Alisa Kinard holds Dylan Lane Kinard, who was born at 2 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Big Spring couple welcomes new year in, in a special way

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

As area residents welcomed the New Year in the early morning hours of Jan. 1, Alisa and Glenn Kinard were doing a little welcoming of a slightly different nature.

Dylan Lane Kinard was born at approximately 2 a.m. on New Year's Day, and according to the infant's mother, was definitely a memorable birth for everyone involved.

"It was such a fast labor no one was really prepared for it," said Alisa. "My husband had joked with me about having the first baby of the new year, but I wasn't due until Jan. 19. Shortly before I

went into labor he was laughing and said something to the effect it was time to start pushing.

"At 2 a.m. my water broke and I told him it was time. He thought I was joking and told me to stop playing. He kept telling me to be serious."

Alisa said Dylan's birth came faster than anyone expected.

"It was a really fast labor," she said. "I was supposed to have an epidural but there just wasn't time, and that had been my worst fear before I went into labor. It was over before I knew it."

"Dylan is my fourth child and definitely the roughest delivery I've been through."

At 6 pounds, 11 ounces, and 21 inches long, the first Big Spring baby of the New Year shouldn't need much in the way of baby items thanks to the volunteers and staff at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"We received a huge basket with all kinds of baby things," said Alisa. "It had a baby bath tub, blankets, photo albums and all kinds of other things you need for a newborn. There was also a \$100 Wal-Mart gift certificate from the volunteers at SMMC."

Dylan has two brothers and a sister: Brandon Pierce, 15, Dustin Kinard,

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Senate candidate Seliger addresses public's questions

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

In a day and age when politicians seem to glide around the issues like Olympic figure skaters, Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, tackled them headlong Wednesday as he fielded questions from Big Spring residents in hopes of winning the Senate District 31 special election slated for Jan. 20.

Among the issues brought to the table were the situation with



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the possible closing of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, economic development in West Texas and unfunded mandates that are handed down from state government to counties and cities throughout the Lone Star state.

Seliger said he felt strongly about unfunded mandates, having struggled with them for years

as the former mayor of Amarillo. "One of the most important committees that nothing came out of, and not for a lack of trying, was the Government Reorganization Plan," said Seliger. "I think that should be one of the first considerations in the next legislature. We need to look at what the state is doing and what it is costing, and take some of the things out of the state budget that would otherwise come out of your (local gov-

ernment) budget.

"I think the state government is too big, and I think it costs too much. As a mayor, I've been subjected to the unfunded mandates, when the state tells you what you'll do, and however you come up with the money is your business. That's no way to run things."

Seliger also addressed the current rift in opinion over econom-

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Obituaries

Oliver "Curley" Johnson



Oliver "Curley" Johnson, 90, of Big Spring died on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at the Fairmount Cemetery in San Angelo with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Mr. Johnson was born on Feb. 6, 1913, in San Angelo, and married Nora Welch on Dec. 25, 1933, in Hamlin. He came to Big Spring in 1964 from Sweetwater. He owned and operated Curley's Studio. He was a member of the 14th and Main Church of Christ.

His survivors include his wife, Nora Johnson of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, DeeDe and Stanley Phillips of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Nora Gamble and husband, Clay, of Coahoma and Rachele LeBeda and husband, Brian, of Medford, Okla.; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to 14th and Main Church of Christ, 1401 Main Street, Big Spring 79720.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Virginia (Jean) Farmer Hale



Virginia "Jean" Farmer Hale, 72, of Big Spring died on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Hale was born on July 11, 1931, in Muskogee, Okla., and married Boyce Hale on Aug. 1, 1952, in Harrison, Ark.

Mrs. Hale had lived in Big Spring since 1952. She was a restaurant manager for Dairy Queen and Whataburger and then worked for Wal-Mart in the arts and crafts department until retiring in 1993. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She was an excellent cook and seamstress.

She was a marvelous friend to all who knew her. She loved all her friends and family unconditionally. She was very involved in her church activities. One of her great joys was her poodles. She was loved greatly by her friends and family. She will be missed by those who knew her.

She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Her survivors include her husband, Boyce Hale of Big Spring; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Harold Hale of Big Spring and Robert and Diane Hale of Moulton, Ala.; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna and David Crandall of McKinney; one step-son and his wife, Bill and Lisa Hale of San Angelo; one step-daughter and her husband, Carolyn and Ken Burkhart of Big Spring; one sister and brother-in-law, Twila and Danny Jones of Kansas City, Kan.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 tonight, Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

David Gallardo

David Gallardo, 36, of Lamesa died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, in Ackerly. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Bethel Temple Church, 1303 N. 13th, with pastors Jessie and Corina Salazar officiating. Interment will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Gonzales Funeral Home.

Mr. Gallardo was born on June 23, 1967, in Lamesa. He served in the U.S. Army and was an artist.

His survivors include his mother, Ofelia G. Melendez of Lamesa; two brothers, Jesus Alonzo and Luis Alonzo, both of California; six sisters, Esperanza Cejudo, Senaida Roman, Endina Silva, Juanita Pina, Ofelia Tate and Ermelinda Alonzo, all of California; and 18 nieces and nephews.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 24-29-37-40-43. Bonus Ball: 25.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$45 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 25-16-11-27-1.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday afternoon: 2-4-0

Mary Frances Hamlin



Funeral services for Mary Frances Hamlin, 90, of Plainview will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Parkview Baptist Church in Plainview. Mrs. Hamlin died on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Covenant Hospital in Plainview. The Rev. Joe P. Weldon, pastor of South Plains Baptist Church will officiate services, assisted by the Rev. Steve Martin, pastor of Parkview Baptist church. Interment will follow in Parklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Bartley Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Hamlin was born on Aug. 13, 1913, in Coleman. She married Harry Clinton Hamlin on Aug. 25, 1947, in Stanton. She was a member of Parkview Baptist Church and had lived in Plainview since 1965, coming from Petersburg. She and her husband were active in farming. She continued to operate the farms after the death of her husband in 1969.

Her survivors include one son, Hulan Hamlin and daughter-in-law, Billie, of Aiken; one daughter, Anne Read of Big Spring; one brother, Albert "Buddy" Neff and wife, Ruby Nell, of Coleman; one sister-in-law, Juanita Hamlin of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Mary Anne Hamlin, Kevin Hamlin, and Lacey Hamlin, all of Aiken, Angela Watson of Kress, Nell Read of Frisco, Mark Read of Haverhill, Mass., and Rebecca Read of Austin; five great-grandchildren, Garrett, Justin and Seth Watson, all of Kress and Spencer and Lauren Read, both of Frisco; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004.

Paid obituary

Jean Goertz

Jean Goertz, 55, of Big Spring died Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, 2004. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

• **AMANDA GAILE ROBERTSON**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check and two counts of theft.

• **JOSE ROBERT HERNANDEZ**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft.

• **DAVID FRANKS**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

• **STEVE RANDAL OBRIEN**, 42, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance more than 1 gram, less than 4 grams.

• **MAURICE EDWARD FRANKS**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

• **TERRY LEON PARTLOW**, 36, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a parole violation and driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

• **BRAULIO CANTU**, 39, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of forgery of a financial instrument and fraudulent use of identifying information.

• **MELISSA WILTSIE**, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation.

• **MATTHEW FRANKS**, 18, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less.

• **MARCUS LANCE HATTENBACH**, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated-third or more offense.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at mile marker 181 on Interstate Highway 20. Accident report was taken.

• **MISSING COTTON MODULE** was reported in the 300 block of E. Leatherwood Road. Deputy responded, report taken.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported near the 202 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20. Was reported as a domestic disturbance in a vehicle. Deputy responded, vehicle was located in Mitchell County.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs around 60. Northwest winds around 10 mph. Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Northeast winds around 5 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

Today

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant.

The Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 West Highway 80.

Friends of the Library meets at noon in Howard County Library.

Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main Street.

Big Spring Main Street meets at noon at Railroad Museum, Second and Main.

Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets every second Thursday. New members welcome. For more information call 263-2005.

Arts, Crafts and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. at Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street.

Friday

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

Saturday

A dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hanger 25 Air Museum, located at McMahan-Wrinkle Air Park, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; on Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Big Spring Squares meets the first and third Saturday. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster Streets. Breakfast is served.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. today:

• **GEORGE COKER**, 52, of 1605 Bluebird, was arrested Wednesday on three local traffic warrants.

• **SHANE KNOWLTON**, 17, of 509 Goliad, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of marijuana-2 ounces or less and burglary of a vehicle.

• **NATHAN RITZ**, 20, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of burglary of a vehicle.

• **CLINTON OSBURN**, 45, of 700 E. 16th Street, was arrested Thursday on warrants for open container and failure to appear.

• **MALCUM OSBURN**, 43, of 1100 Centerpoint Road, was arrested Thursday on two local warrants and Howard County warrants for driving while license suspended and driving while license invalid.

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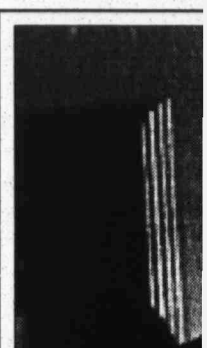
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Lamesa man killed in accident at Farmer's Co-Op Gin

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Lamesa man was killed in a tragic accident at an Ackerly cotton gin early Wednesday morning.

According to Martin County Justice of the Peace for precincts 2 and 4 Pam McAnally, 36-year-old David Gallardo, a native of Lamesa, was pronounced dead at the scene.

"I was called out to the Farmer's Co-Op Gin in Ackerly Wednesday morning," said McAnally. "I

arrived on the scene at approximately 9:35 a.m. and pronounced Mr. Gallardo dead at 9:45 a.m."

McAnally said the accident occurred when Gallardo tried to unstop a clog on the cotton press.

"From what I have been told, Mr. Gallardo was climbing up on the cotton press to unstop some cotton that had gotten clogged up," she said. "That's when he slipped and fell into the gin."

McAnally said no autopsy was

ordered, but blood samples were sent for analysis.

Funeral services for Gallardo will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, at Bethel Temple Church in Lamesa, 1303 N. 13th. Interment will follow in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Gonzales Funeral Home.

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taken is still undetermined.

"We don't have a solid number yet," he said. "We really can't release a lot of the information at this time, as the investigation is still ongoing. As far as speculation goes that there was more than one person involved in the robbery, I can tell you that's completely unsubstantiated at this time. As far as we know at this point, there was only one suspect involved."

Chamness said the Abilene branch of the FBI has been called in to assist on the case, and the idea that Wednesday's robbery is connected to similar bank robberies in Odessa and Fort Stockton is being investigated.

"Our area falls under the Abilene FBI office," said Chamness. "The rest of the Permian Basin works with the Midland FBI office, so there has been some confusion in the community as to who exactly is assisting on this."

"We are investigating the possibility that this crime could be related to similar robberies that took place in Odessa and Fort Stockton. I can't go into the specifics of that at this time, however."

Odessa police have responded to three bank robberies of the past few months. On Nov. 12, police responded to a bank robbery at the Security State Bank there. The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, 6-2 in height with a black mustache, wearing a black sweatshirt with a hood, black baseball cap and dark sunglasses. Then, on Dec. 17, police responded to two bank robberies in Odessa —

the first at the First American Bank and the second at the Western National Bank. In both of those cases, the robber presented a teller with a note. All four robberies occurred on Wednesdays.

Police have released the following description of the suspect: a Hispanic male, approximately 5 feet, 8 inches to 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing approximately 200-220 pounds with a black goatee and mustache. The suspect was wearing a blue sweatshirt, blue pants and a Dallas Cowboys baseball cap. He was also wearing black-rimmed plastic sunglasses.

If you have information on this crime, contact Det. Phill Whitten with the BSPD at 432-264-2554, or the Abilene FBI at 325-677-6191. You can also call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477).

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Ben Daughtery, 80, died Friday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

John L. Redding, 74, died Monday. Funeral service will be 10:30 AM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jean Goertz, 55, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, one of seven candidates running for the District 31 seat on the state senate, met with Big Spring residents Wednesday morning to discuss political concerns in the Crossroads area. Pictured with Seliger is local resident Evelyn Bender, one of more than a dozen area residents that came out to the meeting to voice their concerns.

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ic development and the use of tax dollars for incentives to private businesses, saying although the "game" itself seems unfair, it's currently the only way to entice businesses to West Texas.

"We didn't invent economic development," he said. "We didn't invent incentives. People have been doing it very aggressively with large automobile plants in North Carolina and Tennessee, with hundreds of millions in incentives, and with other industries in other places. We weren't invited to make the rules. We were invited to play the game on the playing field as we saw it, and we can make that a level

playing field or a real uphill climb. Isn't it uphill enough?"

"One of the best projects we saw in Amarillo were an electronics deal that we thought we had, and ended up in Northern Ireland. Not San Antonio, Midland or Albuquerque. It ended up in Northern Ireland... People can say you shouldn't use public money for private incentives, but we won't grow. We have all of the potential in the world right here in West Texas, but we have to use it now."

The current situation with the VA Medical Center and the possibility that the facility might be moved outside of Big Spring was a major concern for those in attendance, and although Seliger said he didn't have the answers to the

problem itself, he knew exactly what he would do if elected.

"Everybody in the community and everyone that represents them have to work single-mindedly on it," he explained. "I really don't believe there's much a state senator can do when it comes to something like a VA Hospital. What I think a state senator should do is sit down with the congressman and the mayor and ask, 'What on Earth can I do to help?'"

"It's important to this community and it's important to the veterans in this community, who have been dependent on that hospital for years."

Seliger will face six other candidates in a special election, which was announced shortly after Sen. Teel Bivins, R-

Amarillo, announced his resignation from the seat effective Jan. 12. Bivins cited his nomination by President Bush as ambassador to Sweden and a desire to spend more time with this family as the reasons.

On the ballot will be seven candidates, including Seliger. Republican candidates are farmer Lee Gibson of Dumas, businessman Kirk Edwards of Odessa, businessman Don Sparks of Midland, Odessa businessman Bob Barnes, and restaurant owner/attorney Jesse Quackenbush of Amarillo. Also on the ticket is lone Democratic hopeful Elaine King Miller of Amarillo.

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als received to Health and Human Services Commissioner Albert Hawkins by April 1. If a provider were chosen through the competitive bidding process, a contract to manage the facility could be executed on or after Sept. 1.

"We're staying focused on patient care, knowing that the business end will take care of itself," said Moughon.

"The intent behind privatization is to do it more

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OUR VIEWS

It's livestock show time in the area again

The traditional Crossroads tripleheader of area junior livestock shows is just about on us, with Howard County, Glasscock County and Martin County all scheduling events this month, it's a busy time for area extension agents, ag instructors and others — not to mention several hundred of our youth.

These stock shows are community events that give our young men and women an opportunity to show their skills. In raising the animals and working with instructors and fellow students, they learn teamwork, responsibility and other skills that will help them through life.

Here's a brief outline of what's coming up: The Glasscock County show is first on the schedule this year, starting today and continuing through Saturday.

Next on the list will be the Howard County Junior Livestock Show which begins Wednesday of next week at the Howard County Fairgrounds and runs through Saturday, Jan. 18.

The Martin County Livestock Show will be held at virtually the same time, with weigh-in scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 15, and the show to be Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17-18.

The Herald will be featuring more information on each of the shows, of course, including pictures and winner's lists.

We encourage you to make plans to get over to the Howard County Fairgrounds or Garden City and Stanton to support these young people.

It's an experience that will be well worth your time.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we encourage everyone who needs it, Lord, and pray for their lives.

Amen

Fault Bush for meat supply problem

Good grief, the tree's not down yet, the bills aren't due and the diet doesn't start until the bowl

games are over, so what's with the unseemly haste? Not even time to take a deep breath here in 2004, and already we're like the white rabbit — behind, breathless and late.

Not that I suspect this administration of managing the news — horrors, no — but a number of unusual objects were dropped into the holiday punch bowl whilst the rest of us were still caroling and wassailing, including quite a few bad nooz items for the Bush team.

One interesting piece of information that got completely lost earlier in the capture of Saddam Hussein was the resignation of David Cay, the guy in charge of the hunt for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The search for WMD in Iraq has effectively ended. (Liz Carpenter said, "I must have seen 20,000 shots of them looking through Saddam's hair and into his mouth — they're not gonna find the WMD in there.")

Among the items that got buried in the holiday rush were three court of appeals decisions that go against the delusions of grandeur of the Bush team. No, the president alone cannot detain U.S. citizens as "enemy combatants"; no, the "enemy combatants" we have held for three years at Guantanamo cannot be denied the right to seek court review of the legality of their detention; and no, the statute criminalizing undefined "material support" to designated "terrorist organizations" is not constitutional.

While we understand that the Bushies believe it is the function of the courts to do whatever

Republican presidents wish (they don't want conservatives on the bench, they want obedience from the bench), it was refreshing to see the several appeals courts insisting on, ahem, the law. Turns out an appeals court also finds weakening the Clean Air Act by executive order is not constitutionally kosher. Hope that's not too controversial for our friends in the "original intent" camp: The president of the United States cannot go about unilaterally changing the law. Egad, what will they think of next?

Weakening the Clean Air Act was Bush's ugly little payoff to the utilities industry at the expense of public health. Speaking of which, is anyone actually surprised to find mad cow disease among us? I was amused to hear a television pundit conclude that mad cow is "not a political issue." What he meant was, "not a partisan issue," in that R's and D's can be found on both sides of the efforts to prevent this very thing from happening. I assure you, this is profoundly political. Mad cow disease is exactly about how our political system is corrupted by special interest money. It is also a perfect example of how greed leads directly to bone-headed stupidity.

In 2001 and 2002, Democrats introduced amendments to increase and improve meat inspection: The Republicans and Democrats from cow states opposed them. Not only could the D's not get more appropriated for food safety, in 2002, the administration held up \$239 million that had already been appropriated.

Of course we should have stopped using downer cows for meat. Of course we should be enforcing feed regulations. Of course we need to inspect more meat faster. So obvious, so self-evident, but you do know why things like this keep happening. The cattle industry wanted to protect its profits, even though downers are not a significant factor to begin

with. Greed leads to stupidity, and stupidity leads to deep doo-doo.

Nor is mad cow disease the only consequence of heavy meat and poultry contributions to the Republicans (in the 2000 elections, corporate food production combines donated \$59 million in both hard and soft money, 75 percent of it to Republicans). See the chapter "Ready to Eat?" in my book "Bushwhacked" for the anatomy of a listeriosis outbreak that killed several people.

As Lou Dubose and I conclude, if you must eat while Republicans control both the White House and Congress, you may want to consider becoming a vegetarian. I am especially fond of the USDA inspection memo we uncovered from the Government Accountability Project: "Feces is feces whether it's fibrous or not. ... The USDA is abandoning the zero-tolerance standard for fecal contamination and replacing it with a new standard: 'wholesome unless there is gross contamination.' It's impossible for this standard to coexist with the agency's claim that it makes decisions based on science. 'Gross' is an inherently subjective standard."

While I agree with the Accountability Project, I think you will find that "gross" is pretty close to scientifically accurate when it comes to the Bush performance on protecting the meat supply. I come from a ranching state, and I find it heartbreaking that this happened just when ranchers are finally getting back on their feet. But this is an event any nincompoop could have predicted, all caused by greed leading to stupidity.

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It is Fish in the Barrel time

It is Fish in the Barrel time, that period in the world of politics when the candidates for president crowd together in one state. For the next two weeks, that state is Iowa, which holds its presidential nominating caucuses on Jan. 19.

You might be wondering why Iowa is bothering to hold caucuses since Howard Dean has already won the Democratic nomination.

Well, the media got together and decided that even though Dean is leading in the polls, leading in money contributed, leading in volunteers signed up and leading in profiles done of his campaign manager, actual citizens ought to be allowed to vote.

It is a nostalgia thing, I guess. Once upon a time in America, the outcomes of elections were not known months in advance. (Back when George Washington promised wooden teeth to all Americans as part of his national health care plan, citizens had to wait months and months for the votes, some of them on pieces of bark, to be counted.)

So we are going to let people vote

in Iowa, first because it is the democratic way and second because it allows us political reporters to stay in fancy hotels and order cashews from room service.

We also will write a few stories along the way with headlines like, "Can Dean Be Stopped?" and, "Who Can Stop Dean?" and, "If Dean Does Get Stopped, Who Can Stop the Guy Who Stopped Him?"

Of the nine Democratic candidates for president, seven are competing in Iowa, and it is possible to cover several of them in a single day. On Monday, for instance, some reporters woke up and drove out to a Dick Gephardt morning event and then drove over to a John Kerry luncheon speech and then to a John Edwards afternoon rally.

At each event, reporters asked the candidate the same question: "Why aren't you Howard Dean, and what are you going to do about it?"

My rule of thumb for covering candidates is easy: If their events are on the skywalk, I go. And if they are not, I watch it on C-SPAN.

The skywalk is a climate-controlled walkway system that stretches miles through downtown Des Moines and allows you to go from building to building without ever breathing fresh air.

It is very popular because the fresh air on many days in winter

here is below freezing. Hotels, restaurants and other businesses are all connected by the skywalk. NBC had a debate in Des Moines several weeks ago, and while the debate was on the skywalk, NBC toyed with the idea of making reporters leave the skywalk, go outside and enter through a separate press entrance.

This idea lasted for about five minutes, as reporters expressed the opinion that leaving the skywalk is like leaving the womb: Yes, you may have to do it someday, but you don't have to be in a hurry about it.

As I type this, it is 5 degrees in Des Moines, with the low tonight expected to be minus 2.

Fortunately, Howard Dean's hotel is on the skywalk, and I was able to walk over there on Sunday and interview him in the lobby. At the end of the interview, he invited me to follow him around for the rest of the day.

Follow him around, as in "outside," as in "out in the fresh air," as in "off the skywalk."

So who says Dean is humorless?

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By BOBBY ROSS

Associated Press

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Topic: Names of Winds

Q: I've heard the weatherman refer to "chinook winds." What are they?

A: Chinook winds are very warm air currents that blow down the Rockies, and the term comes from an Indian word meaning "snow eater," says Andrew Odins of Texas A&M University. "When certain conditions are right, a Chinook wind can be remarkably warm and it's not uncommon for temperatures to rise 40 degrees or more," says Odins.

"A case in point occurred on Jan. 22, 1943, in Spearfish, S.D., when a Chinook wind raised temperatures 49 degrees in less than three minutes. Winds such as the Chinook have different names all over the world depending where you live."

Q: What are some other names of winds?

A: In the European Alps, a Chinook is called a foehn, and the same wind in Argentina is called a zonda, Odins

explains.

"In Southern California, hot winds are called the Santa Ana winds, named after the Santa Ana Canyon area where they frequently occur," Odins adds. "In North Africa, warm winds are often called a simoon, and in parts of the Middle East winds are called a haboob, and these can produce dust storms. Over the Mediterranean area, warm winds are called a sirocco, and in parts of Egypt they are called a khamsin. Monsoon winds in Asia blow from the southeast in summer and bring heavy rains. A katabatic wind is one that blows cold air, and in Italy, a tramonta wind is a northerly wind that blows off the coast. "Again, depending where you live, winds have different names — some are warm winds, some are cold and some are pleasant."

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences. Past and current topics can be viewed via the Web at <http://rev.tamu.edu/wealthwhys/>.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Big Spring Fire Department firefighters responded to the 1600 block of State Street late Wednesday afternoon after a fire was reported in the home's attic. According to BSFD officials on the scene, the fire is believed to have been caused by faulty wiring. No one was injured in the incident.

Food banks put more emphasis on nutrition

By **BOBBY ROSS JR.**

Associated Press Writer
DALLAS — Containers of high-fat mayonnaise, calorie-rich marshmallow cream and sugarcoated fruit cereal help fill a giant crate at the North Texas Food Bank. Such not-so-healthy items are typical of the foods often given to the nation's food banks.

"What you find a lot of times in donated foods is what somebody has in their pantry," said Jan Pruitt, executive director of the Dallas food bank. "They say, 'The kids won't eat this,' or, 'I thought I was going to make fudge, but I didn't.' It's that kind of donation."

Charity food providers relied primarily on such donations to feed the hungry until a few years ago, when the high rate of obesity among the poor became a concern.

Now, food banks from Dallas to Boston to Oakland, Calif., distribute more fruits, vegetables and lean meats, and offer programs to teach people how to eat healthier.

"We didn't want to be a snack bank" anymore, said Leslie Oliver, nutrition manager at the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Not long ago, the Boston food bank "couldn't move a carrot," Cliver joked.

In 1999, the organization, which serves 750 food shelters and pantries in eastern Massachusetts, distributed no produce. Last year, it gave away 3 million pounds of it.

Distributions of lean meat, seafood, poultry and other protein products topped 3.2 million pounds. Dairy products exceeded 1.6 million pounds. Both figures represent more than 60 percent increases in just two years.

The Alameda County Community Food Bank in Oakland considered banning soft drinks in an effort to curb obesity among recipients.

Instead, the food bank chose to focus on education, posting health information by the carbonated

Top 10 healthful and helpful donations for America's food banks

1. Protein (fresh, frozen or canned beef, chicken, pork or fish).
2. Vegetables (fresh or canned).
3. Fruit (fresh, canned or juice).
4. Soups.
5. Beans (dried or canned).
6. Nuts (canned or jar).
7. Cereal (hot or dry cereal, oatmeal, cereal bars).
8. Milk (evaporated or powdered dairy products).
9. Baby food (vegetables, proteins and infant formula).
10. Healthy snack items (pretzels, multigrain crackers, pudding, etc.)

SOURCE: List compiled by nutritionist Amy Lopez of the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas and endorsed by Share Our Strength, a national anti-hunger, anti-poverty organization which is based in Washington, D.C.

America's Second Harvest, the nation's largest domestic hunger relief organization, says the list is a good example of the items needed by most food banks, but urges people to check with their local food bank to confirm specific needs.

Also, donors should ask about the food bank's ability to accept refrigerated and frozen donations.

The organization's Web site includes links to more than 200 affiliate food banks.

drinks in the warehouse where clients pick up food — along with a 16-pound bag of sugar designed to help make the point.

"I drink soda," said Suzan Bateson, the food bank's executive director. "I don't drink a lot of it, but I drink it. It's part of my diet. What I find helpful is getting information about how many I should be drinking, or should I be feeding this to a 2-year-old."

To satisfy their hunger, poor people often rely on grains, sugars and fats, said Matt Longjohn, executive director of the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children.

"That's opposed to lean meats and fruits and vegetables that you really only find in the middle- and upper-end grocery stores but certainly not in the caged-in grocery stores that are the hallmarks of these communities," Longjohn said.

Mary Johnson received government cheese,

peanut butter and damaged, off-brand canned goods from a Dallas ministry when she was between jobs 15 years ago and needed help feeding her family.

"When you opened it up, it might not be good," she said.

The 56-year-old divorced mother of three grown children sought food assistance again this month after she lost her telemarketing job.

This time, she left North Dallas Shared Ministries — one of 400 nonprofit agencies served by the North Texas Food Bank — with fruits, vegetables, milk and eggs.

"It's just wonderful," said Johnson, whose unemployment check barely covers her apartment rent.

In the past 10 years, efforts to improve the product mix at food banks have gained momentum, said Sue Hofer with America's Second Harvest. The Chicago-based organization works with more than 200

regional food banks.

Corporate grants by companies such as Kraft and ConAgra have helped food banks and their affiliate agencies increase their capacity to store and transport refrigerated and frozen foods.

"It didn't do any good for us to accept a truckload of yogurt with a use-by or sell-by date of next week if we didn't have anybody who could accept delivery of that," Hofer said.

In the 2003 fiscal year, America's Second Harvest distributed more than 83 million pounds of fruits and vegetables. That's a gigantic leap from 3.8 million pounds in 1995.

"Obviously, there's still a lot to do, but we have moved produce to No. 1 on the list of products shipped to our food banks," Hofer said. "It's a huge stride in just a very few years."

In Dallas, the North Texas Food Bank decided to make milk, eggs, rice,

pinto beans and pasta available all the time.

"We are raising more and more dollars so we can go out and purchase the food that's needed," Pruitt said.

Through a "virtual food drive," donors can go online and contribute money to buy such items. Such purchases topped 832,000 pounds last year — a figure the Dallas food bank estimates will nearly triple to more than 2.2 million this year.

The goal: making a healthy diet an option for everyone.

"You and I go make our choices standing in a grocery store where there are hundreds of choices," Pruitt said. "The families that we're talking about go to a small church somewhere in their neighborhood where the choices may be very small."

On the Net: America's Second Harvest: www.secondharvest.org

U.S. soldiers balk at staying in Iraq for \$10,000 bonus

BAQOUBA, Iraq (AP) — At a checkpoint on the barren plain east of Baqouba, word of a new U.S. Army plan to pay soldiers up to \$10,000 to re-enlist evoked laughter from a few bored-looking troopers.

"Man, they can't pay me enough to stay here," said a 23-year-old specialist from the Army's 4th Infantry Division, headquartered at Fort Hood in Central Texas, as he manned the checkpoint with Iraqi police outside this city.

His comments reflect a sentiment not uncommon among the nearly two dozen soldiers in Iraq who have spoken with The Associated Press since the Army announced the increased re-enlistment bonuses for soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait on Monday. Other soldiers at home were divided about the offer.

The soldiers in Iraq who spoke about the bonuses were serving in a range of assignments, from training the new Iraqi army to patrolling some of the most dangerous roads in the country.

Some cited the monotonous routine of a lonely life spent thousands of miles from loved ones. Others offered simpler reasons — such as the fear of an early death.

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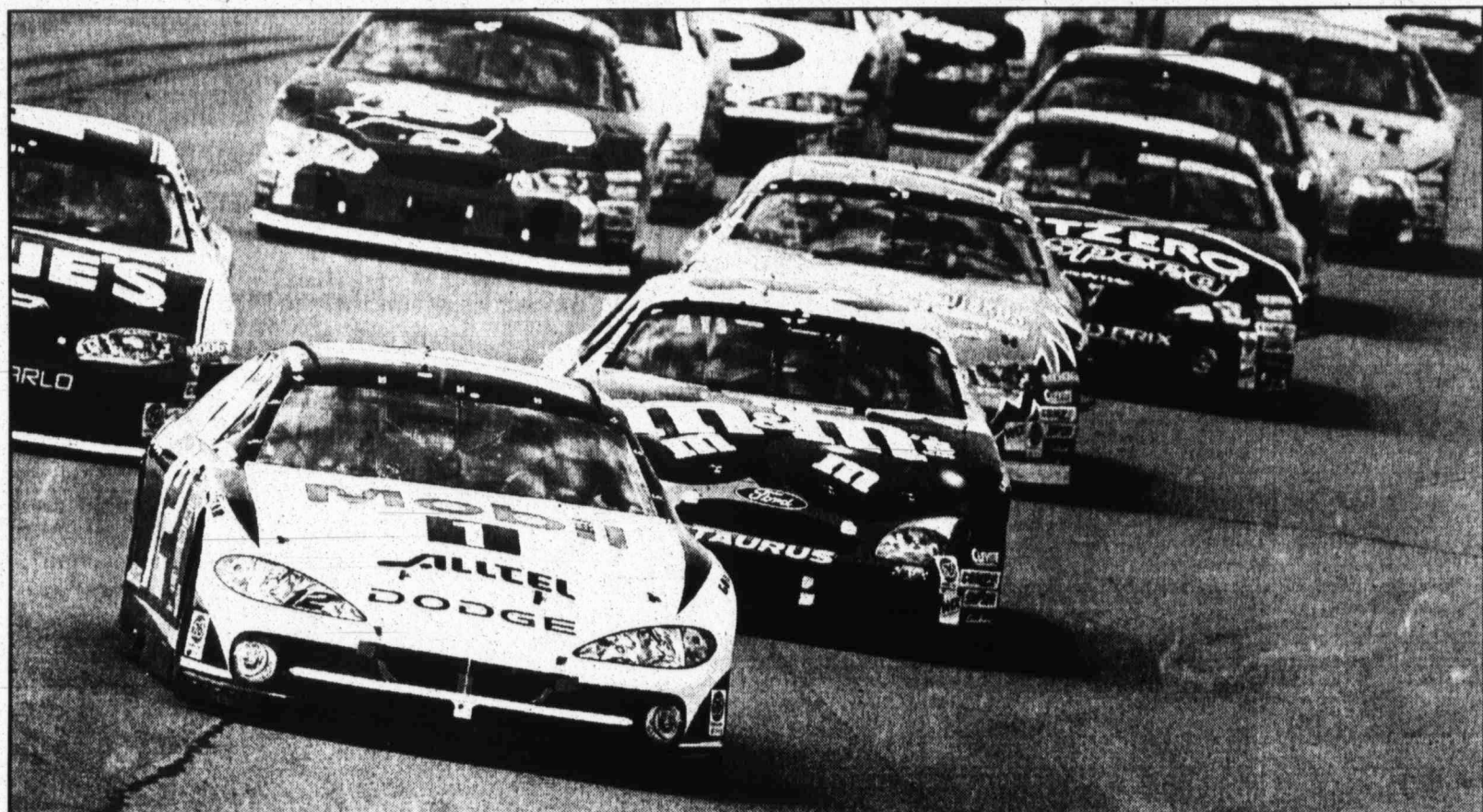
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2004 NEXTEL CUP PREVIEW: DODGE TEAMS



Ryan Newman, driving the No. 12 Alltel Dodge, will be a top contender for the 2004 Nextel Cup title. In 2003, he won eight races and 11 poles.

Embracing change

Many Dodge teams are fielding new lineups in 2004

By DAVID POOLE
Knight Ridder Newspapers

In a season of big changes in NASCAR, Dodge teams will be dealing with some of their own. One thing that won't be different is the name at the top of the list of possible Nextel Cup championship contenders driving an Intrepid.

Ryan Newman, who won eight races and 11 poles in 2003 but finished sixth in the points standings because of seven races he did not finish, will be at or near the top of just about any list of preseason title favorites for 2004.

At various times last year, Newman and his team, led by crew chief Matt Borland, used horsepower and horse sense to succeed. Whether it was by outrunning them or by outlasting them with superior fuel mileage, Newman's team got inside its opponents' heads in 2003.

"It's kind of like football," Newman said. "To be a good team you've got to have a good offense and a good defense. When you're trying to figure out how to beat everybody else, sometimes it's defense and sometimes it's offense. With the defensive part, you're trying to cover all of your bases, and I guess in football terms you've got to prepare for the fake punt."

While there's stability with Newman's No. 12 team, teammate Rusty Wallace has called an audible, replacing crew chief Billy Wilburn with veteran Larry Carter as Wallace tries to break a 98-race winless streak.

Now there's a third team in the Penske South stable, too, with Brendan Gaughan moving up from the Truck Series to drive for the No. 77 team in which Roger Penske and Doug Bawel are co-owners.

Gaughan, who came within a heartbeat of winning the 2003 Trucks title at Homestead, Fla., will be part of a strong 2004 Nextel Cup rookie class. And he's aiming high.

"You hope for half this opportunity," Gaughan said. "To have all this is phenomenal. I've got teammates who have quite a few wins between them. If I can't win with this type of knowledge around me ...

"They're going to give me everything I need to go fast, and I'm going to do everything I can to make the guys on the team happy. If the guys on the team are happy, they're going to go to war for you and build good stuff. You know you're going to have good horsepower. There's no need to even talk about the Penske engine shop. All those things mean I have very high expectations."

Another rookie, Kasey Kahne, takes over in the No. 9 Dodges that Bill Elliott has driven since Ray Evernham helped lead the manufacturer's return to Cup racing three seasons ago. Elliott will be back, but running only 10 to 15 races for a third Evernham car.

That leaves Jeremy Mayfield, in the No. 19, with the highest expectations among Evernham's drivers, a position that seemed highly unlikely at the midpoint of last season, when all signs pointed to a parting of ways.

"We knew the potential was here," said Mayfield, who had top-10 finishes in eight of the final 13 races last season. "We knew we could get the job done. It was just a matter of putting it all together. We've had good cars and good equipment. We just weren't communicating well as a team. That's from me all the way down to the bottom."

Last year's rookie of the year, Jamie McMurray, also finished strong in the No. 42 Dodges for Chip Ganassi Racing, moving from 25th to 13th in the standings in the final 17 races.

"We definitely wanted to win a race," McMurray said. "We came close at the Brickyard 400 and Southern 500, two of the biggest races of the year, but it just didn't work out with the caution flags. That's just part of it. We put ourselves in position to win, and that's all you can do."

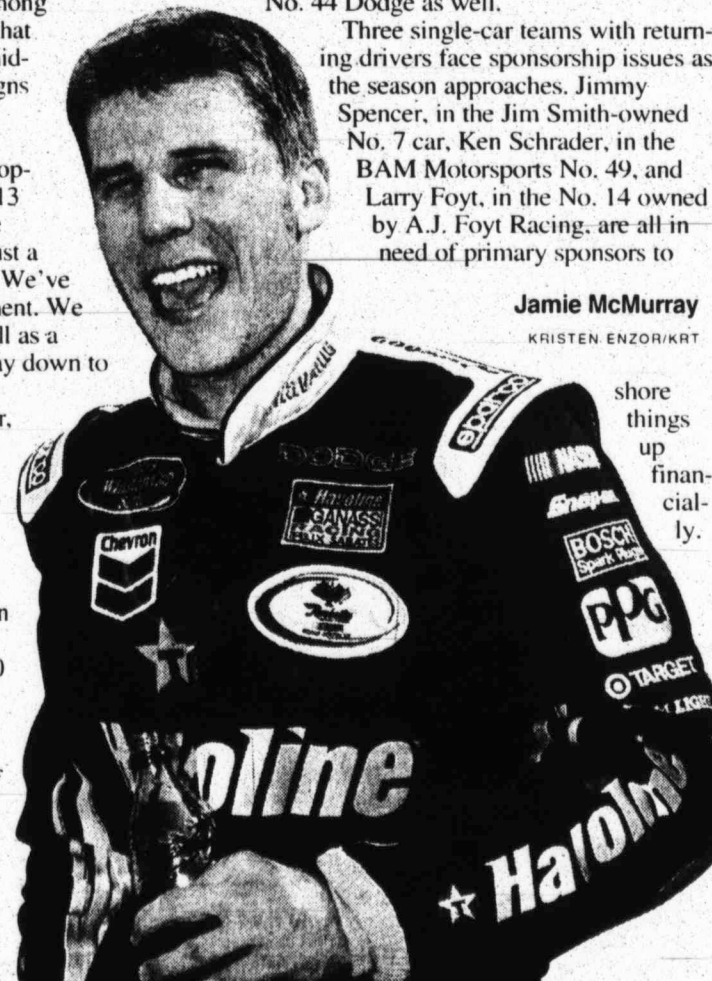
While the Ganassi team is building a new shop, it's the one Dodge operation where things are very much as they

were a year ago. Veteran Sterling Marlin returns to pilot the No. 40 Dodges with Casey Mears back in the No. 41.

Almost everything is different at Bill Davis Racing. It will field one Cup team, with rookie Scott Wimmer driving the No. 22 car, unless a sponsor can be found for the No. 23. If that happens, Dave Blaney — ousted from the No. 77 team with Gaughan's hiring — could have a ride after all.

Jeff Green went into the No. 43 at Petty Enterprises in September and gave that storied team a pulse again. He did well enough to earn the gig full-time for 2004, when he'll join Kyle Petty's No. 45 in running a full schedule. Christian Fittipaldi might get a few starts in the No. 44 Dodge as well.

Three single-car teams with returning drivers face sponsorship issues as the season approaches. Jimmy Spencer, in the Jim Smith-owned No. 7 car, Ken Schrader, in the BAM Motorsports No. 49, and Larry Foyt, in the No. 14 owned by A.J. Foyt Racing, are all in need of primary sponsors to



Jamie McMurray
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share things up financially.

Candidates in NASCAR's diversity program hope for lucky break

It's always the same old story. One got the bug when, at age 3, he sat in Richard Petty's car at the North Carolina state fair. Another was hooked after accompanying Dad to a race.

Yet another talks about racing so much that his buddies sometimes call him "Joe Petty."

On a rainy day at the track, they stand around talking about the different kinds of cars they've driven and trucks they've raced on and swap racing tall tales that they've heard along the way. Every once in a while, a story actually sounds like it could be true.

Some things were different about the 12 drivers who gathered Monday at Hickory (N.C.) Motor Speedway, but some things weren't.

Shanta Rhodes, the kid who sat in the race car at the state fair, is now 26 years old and has 10 years invested in his dream.

He's from Edgecomb County, in

eastern North Carolina, and began racing at East Carolina Motor Speedway, a dirt track in Robersonville, N.C. He stayed there several years before Carl Long, a driver who's still chasing his own dreams, urged him to move up.

"Carl inspired me, so I moved to Charlotte (N.C.) a couple of years ago," Rhodes said. "My wife probably wants to kill Carl because I haven't had a job since we moved. I keep saying, 'One more year.' I think I'm about to run out of those one more years."

Joe Henderson, the one people around Franklin, Tenn., call "Joe Petty," is only 18. He started racing at 11 and has already driven Legends cars all over the Southeast. He's hung around Bobby Hamilton's shop enough to make a nu-



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sance of himself and actually drove three late-model races in cars Hamilton owned last year.

Rhodes and Henderson are racers.

They're also African-Americans, and Monday was supposed to be a very important day for them. Along with 10 others, they were scheduled to participate in a test at the Hickory track that was, in reality, a tryout.

From the group of 12 men and women, ranging in age from 18 to 40, four to five were to be selected as this year's participants in the Drive for Diversity program, a new NASCAR-backed initiative aimed at sowing seeds of change in the demographic makeup of stock-car racing's top divisions.

Allison Duncan, 24, grew up just north of San Francisco and said she knew she wanted to be a race-car driver from the first moment she saw a Cup

car pull on the track when her dad took her to Sears Point Raceway.

Duncan graduated high school in 1995, just two years after 1992 Cup champion Alan Kulwicki died in a plane crash. Duncan admired the way Kulwicki did things. She went to college and got a degree in mechanical engineering, just like Kulwicki. When she graduated in December 2000, she picked up her life and moved east. She knocked on doors and burned up the phone lines looking for a way to go racing. And she found one. In 2003, she was rookie of the year in the late model division at the Hickory track.

Morty Buckles, from Georgia, has been a driving instructor at a racing school while racing late models at Concord (N.C.) Motorsport Park and other tracks.

Tommy Lane is the head instructor at the Urban Youth Racing School in Philadelphia.

Bruce Driver, from New Jersey, has

raced NASCAR modifieds and in the American Speed Association. Sondi Eden and Samantha Weakley are both from Indiana, and both have been racing midgets and sprint cars. Reggie Primus, from Kannapolis, N.C., ran Thunder Roadsters this year and is a mechanic for an Automobile Racing Club of America team. He, too, has a degree in mechanical engineering.

Ricky Gonzalez started out racing Legends cars in his home state of New Jersey and spent the past two seasons in the NASCAR Dash series. Darin Martinez-Stahl, from California, was a karting track champion this year. Woody Pikat from Connecticut was the most popular driver at Thompson (Conn.) Speedway in 2003.

They have different heritages, both on the track and off of it. But they all have one thing in common. They're racers, and the Drive for Diversity program will give some of them a great chance to keep chasing their dreams.

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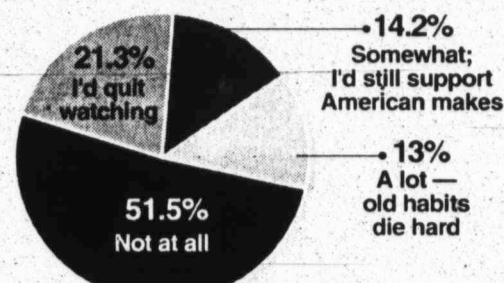
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Toyota enters NASCAR competition in the Truck Series this season. If Toyota or another foreign auto maker joins the Grand National or Nextel Cup series, how would it affect your support of the sport?

Number of votes: 1,672



RACIN' NOTES

Stewart, Earnhardt Jr. gear up for Rolex 24

Howard-Boss Motorsports and Crawford Race Cars announced last week that veteran road racer Andy Wallace will team with NASCAR stars Tony Stewart and Dale Earnhardt Jr. to compete in the Rolex 24 At Daytona in the No. 2 Crawford DP03 Daytona Prototype.

"This is an exciting time for all of us at Howard-Boss Motorsports," Rick Howard, owner of Howard-Boss Motorsports, said. "We have set our standards high with the new DP03 Daytona Prototype car."

"Our unique blend of driving talent with Andy Wallace, Tony Stewart and Dale Earnhardt Jr. makes this event even more exciting, not only for our team, but for the fans of the Grand American Rolex Sports Car Series."

Wallace, a mainstay on the international sports car circuit for many years, has won the Rolex 24 At Daytona three times in his career. Wallace was on the winning team in 1990, 1997 and 1999 and is the only driver to win all three major road racing endurance events, the Rolex 24 At Daytona, Sebring 12 Hours and LeMans 24 Hour.

Stewart will be making his second start in the Rolex 24 for Crawford Race Cars. Stewart teamed with Jan Lammers and Johnny Mowlem in a Crawford SSC2K Prototype in the 2002 endurance race.

After an impressive run at the front of the field, engine problems sidelined the Stewart, Lammers and Mowlem team just past the midway point in the twice-around-the-clock event.

"Driving these cars is so much fun," Stewart said. "It is unlike anything we do in the Nextel Cup. And, I feel like this event owes me another chance. We were running very well in 2002 right up until the engine let go."

Earnhardt Jr. will make his second start in the Rolex 24 At Daytona. Earnhardt Jr. teamed with his father, the late Dale Earnhardt, Andy Pilgrim and Kelly Collins in a Chevrolet Corvette to finish fourth overall in the 2001 event.

"I am really excited about going back to Daytona for this race," Earnhardt Jr. said. "I had talked to Jim France about it (Rolex 24) earlier this year, and the Crawford Chevrolet opportunity came up in November. The chance to work with Andy Wallace and have some fun with Tony (Stewart) was too good to pass up."

The 42nd Rolex 24 At Daytona is set for Saturday, Jan. 31, and Sunday, Feb. 1, on the 3.56-mile road course at Daytona International Speedway.

Tickets to the event can be purchased online at www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com; or by calling (386) 253-RACE.



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Wright to fill in as Hawks' basketball coach

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

When Howard College Athletic Director Jim Lewis announced he was ending his retirement from coaching this past summer, he said he hoped to do two things: Keep the Hawks winning and prepare the team for the future. Lewis is doing both as the Hawks head into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference — although it has-

n't happened exactly the way he had planned.

Lewis, who guided the Hawks to an 8-2 record this year, will turn over the reigns of the HC men's basketball program to assistant coach Tony Wright for an unspecified time while he recovers from a recent illness. Lewis, who became ill during the Christmas holidays, has missed the Hawks' last two games while under doctor's care. His return will be determined on a game-to-game basis,

according to Howard College officials.

"We're just giving Jim a little break to get back into the swing," said HC Executive Vice President Terry Hanson. "Jim has been at work the last few days. He talked to me about coming to the game, but I told him to rest. It's more important for him to get to feeling better right now."

Lewis, who sat in the bleachers Wednesday during the Hawks' 94-75 win over North

Lake College, said he was extremely comfortable in Wright's ability to run the program.

"I feel quite comfortable with Tony there," said Lewis, who hopes to return in about a week. "The program is in good hands."

Wright played professional in Ireland and was a member of Midland College's nationally-ranked men's team in the 1990s under former coach Jerry Stone.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Tony Wright, a former pro hoops star in Ireland, will guide the Hawks for the next few days while head coach Jim Lewis recovers from an illness.

BACK ON TRACK

Story pumps in 19 in Hawks' win over NLC Blazers

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Freshman Steve Story and sophomore Finlay Brashears combined to score 21 second-half points Wednesday night and helped the Howard College Hawks survive a sluggish start and roll to a 94-75 win over the North Lake College Blazers at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks, who held a slim 41-38 lead at the half, sealed the win with a 53-38 run in the final 20 minutes of the contest.

"In the first half we played them evenly," said Howard College assistant coach Tony Wright. "We made some mistakes there in the first that hurt us but we came out in the second and had better ball movement."

"When we started moving the ball from side to side, it gave us the shots we were looking for," he added.

With the win, the Hawks ran their season record to 9-3 and improved to 2-1 under Wright, who is filling in for head coach Jim Lewis on a game-to-game basis.

The Hawks, who are scheduled to open Western Junior College Athletic Conference play on Monday in Borger, got off to a solid start against the Blazers. Story and Steve Goff each notched in a pair of shots in the first three minutes to stake Howard to an 8-3 cushion at the 17:25 mark of the first half.

North Lake, which fell to 5-13 for the year, didn't stay down. The Blazers reeled off a 7-2 run over the next two minutes to tie the game at 10-10.

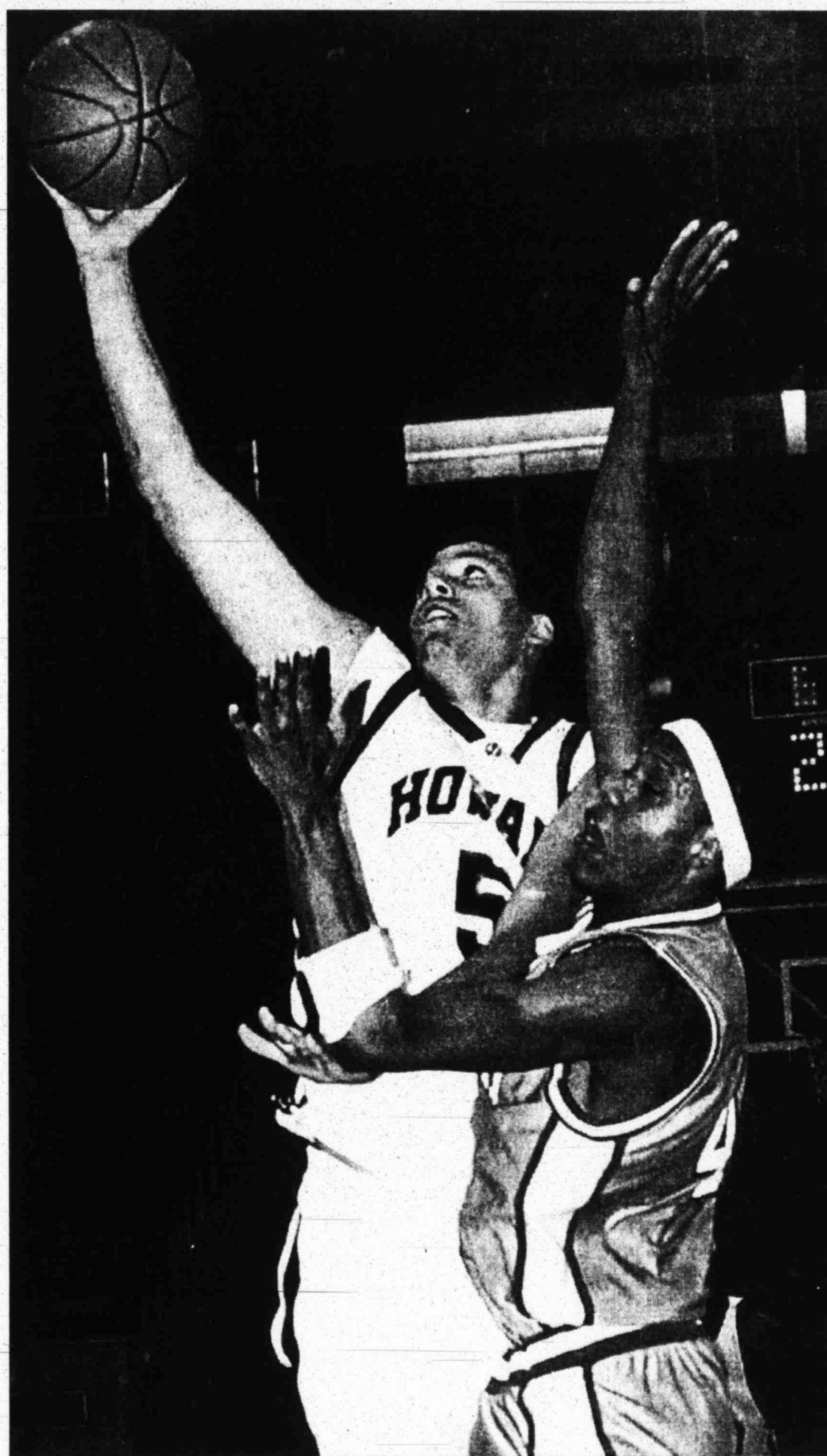
The Hawks hit stride again midway through the first half. Sparked by three-pointers from Jamaal Fears and Brashears, the HC men built an 11-point lead, at 30-19, by reeling off a 20-9 spurt.

The Blazers rallied back. They outscored the Hawks by a 19-11 clip over the final seven minutes and pulled to within three at the break.

Sparked by three 3-pointers by Brashears, Howard slated away the win in the final 10 minutes of the second half by pounding out a 34-21 advantage.

Story finished the game as Howard's top scorer, netting 19. Brashears, Jarrell Mayfield and Johnny Jones collected 18, 12 and 10, respectively.

North Lake's Chris Jerry tallied 20.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Howard College sophomore Jon Sykes soars above North Lake College's Dominique Scales for a basket during the second half of the Hawks' 94-75 victory Wednesday. The Hawks close out the non-conference schedule Saturday in Odessa against the North All-Stars.

Forsan blisters Devils

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes needed two things to happen in their matchup with the Rankin Red Devils Tuesday night: First, they needed the kind of game that they have come to expect from senior Josh Helmstetler, and, secondly, they absolutely had to have someone else step up and assume part of the scoring burden.

They got both — and then some. Helmstetler, shooting a staggering 70 percent from the field — 5-for-8 performance from three point land and, for good measure, throwing in 9-of-11 free throw line — hit for a season-high 30 points while sophomore Johnathan Wright added 17 points to allow the Buffaloes to escape with a 60-56 win.

The contest turned into a slugfest early on as neither team was able to take control in the first quarter. The end result was in six lead changes in the first eight minutes.

Wright drained a basket in the final minute of the stanza enabling Forsan to grab a 12-11 lead going into the second.

Wright came up big again to begin the second period. He buried a short jumper on the Buffaloes' first possession and pushed the lead to three.

Rankin seized control there, reeling off a 15-5 run over the rest of the period to go into the break with a seven-point margin, at 26-19. Senior post Mitchell Willis carried the load with six of his team-high 17 points during the span.

Forsan fought its way back into the contest in the third quarter by outscoring the Red Devils 16-7 in the first four minutes of the frame to claim a 35-33 lead.

With Rankin holding a 40-38 margin, Helmstetler drained a trey and was fouled, resulting in a rare four-point play opportunity that gave the Buffs a 42-40 cushion.

The Red Devils ripped off one final run, racking up a 10-3 spree over the next four minutes and staked themselves to a 51-50 with 2:37 left.

The Buffaloes were not to be denied, however. Forsan outgunned Rankin by a 10-6 clip over the remaining minutes of the match to secure the victory.

Forsan will face Grape Creek Tuesday in its final non-district tuneup.

Lady Steers to open 4-4A play

The Big Spring Lady Steers will begin their District 4-4A basketball schedule Friday by traveling to San Angelo to face off against the Lake View Maidens.

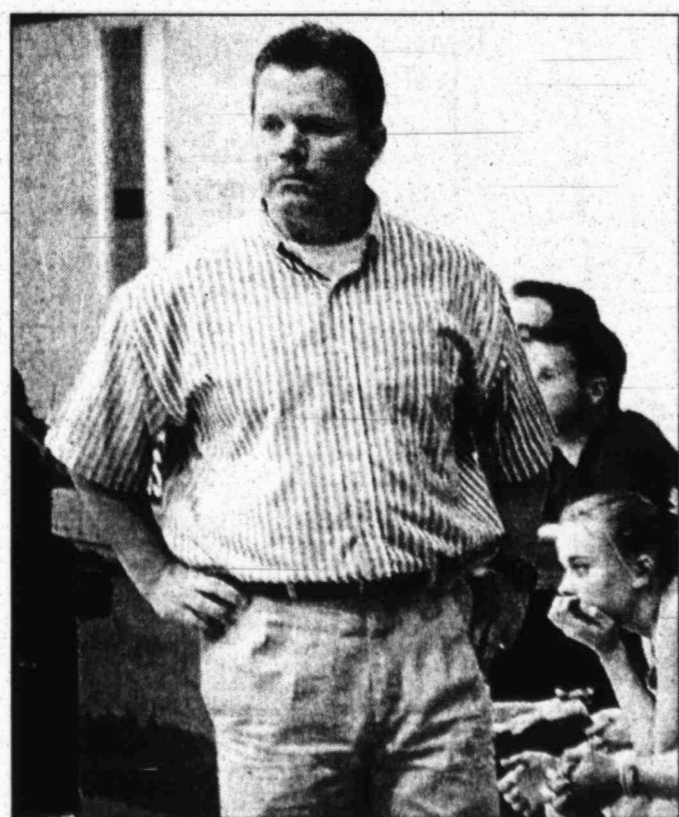
The BSHS girls, 5-13 overall, are scheduled to begin play at 7:30 p.m. in the Lake View gymnasium.

The Lady Steers' junior varsity will play at 6 p.m.

BSHS baseball boosters to meet

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Booster Club will hold a meeting on Jan. 15 in the BSHS Athletic Training Complex.

All parents and baseball boosters are urged to attend the meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Grady head coach Lin Fink will get his first taste of district play Friday evening when the Lady Cats will host Ira. Fink has the GHS girls off to a 13-5 start.

Lady Buffs survive slow start, win non-district finale

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

FORSAN — The only thing that was colder than the temperature outside Tuesday night was the shooting of the Forsan Lady Buffs and Rankin Lady Red Devils inside. The two teams combined to shoot just 5 percent in the first quarter in the Lady Buffs' 42-29 victory.

As a result of the frigid shooting, Forsan carried a slim 4-3 advantage into the second frame.

Forsan finally warmed in the second, ripping off a 6-0 run to begin the stanza. From there, the Lady Buffs turned up the defensive heat — allowing Rankin just five shots

while forcing six turnovers — and used it to run to a 15-11 lead heading into the break.

Rankin's Dana Feathers pulled the Lady Devils to within two just 15 seconds into the third quarter, but watched on as the Lady Buffs responded with a 9-4 run that opened up a seven-point margin at the half way point of the third.

Jacklynn Hise, who scored all eight of her points in the second half, was the catalyst for the run, burying two 15-foot jumpers on consecutive trips down the floor.

Cynthia Beccerra provided the spark in the final stanza as she opened the frame slashing to the bas-

ket drawing the foul. Beccerra stepped to the line and completed the three-point play and ignited a 9-3 run that pushed the Lady Buffs' lead to double digits.

Beccerra paced Forsan offensively, marking the sheet for nine while Hise and Misty McGuire added eight apiece.

Kylee Self earned game high honors for Rankin, hitting for 10 while Baleagh Michum added eight.

With the victory, Forsan closed out its non-district scheduled with a 5-12 record.

The Lady Buffs kickoff District 3-2A play Friday night as they host the Crane Lady Cranes.

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Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Good news starts your day with a smile. It is easier to get the job done when you do it for your own reasons, not merely to please the powers that be. Follow your instincts to the conclusion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Being at the mercy of someone else's decision is no fun. The plans of higher-ups change your schedule. Wouldn't it be nice to know what the story is earlier on so you could prepare yourself?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Expectations are high, and you want to deliver a flawless performance. But reconsider. Flawless is actually boring. Part of your charm is that you laugh off your weaknesses and even invite others to join in the chuckle.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are confident and assertive. At work, the others around you are negative enough — you need to counteract their attitude with a sunny disposition. You'll be praised because you have tact and do not criticize or complain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Reasonable goals are the key to happiness. One of your most attractive qualities is that you truly don't care what other

people think. Someone in your circle could pass blame unjustly, so don't believe what you hear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Consider what others would see if they were to observe your home life this morning. Viewing things from different points of view will be the theme. A work situation like you've never seen before is an opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). With your many profound thoughts, you are practically a philosopher. Both your career picture and personal life improve because you take the time to think in the abstract about yourself. Habits ultimately define you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Focus on special career goals, and other parts of your life fall right into place. Anything having to do with the arts is favored. Your social life thrives when you extend invitations. Cancer and Libra are favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A radical move is what it takes to get you in high gear, and the courage to take such a risk is what the stars offer so generously now. A brainstorming session this morning shows you a powerful direction to take.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one expects you to be all powerful, but people do look to you for leadership. Accepting reality is the theme. It's easier to acknowledge mistakes and correct them than it is to dump the person who made them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a groundbreaking experience at work. Emotions are heightened. Allow yourself to feel any way you do, for an hour. After that, it's time to take control and realize that you can feel differently if you alter your thinking.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Collecting opinions can be fun, except that they're all over the board and will take you no closer to the "right" thing to do. Hint: The thing that's hard — the one you really don't want to do — that's probably it.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm now dating a Gemini and have never dated or been close to one before. I think he could be the one. The only problem is, he's too perfect. I'm a bit of a cynic, a Virgo, of course, and I wonder if he could be too good to be true. What are the bad qualities of Gemini men?"

Let me guess. He won your heart with flawless flirting, the kind that screenwriters could use in an infinity of romantic comedies. Your girlfriends think he's the

catch of the century, he can dance, and he can even cook. That when-is-the-other-shoe-going-to-drop feeling is common among those who date Gemini men as they walk around these men's spotless apartments and think, is he gay? Here's the thing: He's easily bored and has in the past been known to date several hot chicks like yourself at once. If you're ready to settle down with the one, you've got to either play the game flawlessly (he's a master) or catch him at the exact right time in his life. The rule for dating Gemini men over any length of time is this: Always keep him entertained — or else he'll look elsewhere for entertainment.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My daughter, "Kira," is a very slow learner. We had her examined by several doctors and psychologists in elementary school, and they all came up with the same diagnosis: She is a very healthy girl both physically and mentally. She simply processes information slower than most people.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Kira has been fortunate to have had good teachers who worked extra hard with her, and as a result, she has made decent grades and developed good self-esteem. Maybe too good. Now in high school, Kira has been confident enough to take some very challenging classes, all of which she has failed because she is unable to keep up with the rest of the class. Each time she becomes very depressed.

Annie, is it ever OK to discourage a child from trying? I don't feel right telling Kira it's OK to take these classes when I know she will most likely fail. I can't stand to see the hurt in her eyes. — Torn Mother in Selma, Ala.

Dear Mother: This must be very painful for you. Instead of telling Kira she cannot do something, help her understand what is required to be successful. When she wants to take an advanced class, remind her that it may be quite difficult. She will need to discuss her progress with the teacher and perhaps get extra tutoring after school. You also can talk out what the requirements are and the type of assignments Kira will be expected to handle.

Do everything you can to ensure that Kira knows the amount of additional effort required to get a solid grade, and then let her make the final decision.

Dear Annie: Dec. 1, 2003, was World AIDS Day. Since then, tens of thousands of people have become infected worldwide. I want to remind my fellow readers that AIDS is not an issue we can think about only one day a year.

I hope that everyone takes a moment to remember the millions of people from around the world that we have already lost to this terrible disease, and then realize that there are three easy steps we can each take to stop the spread of this pandemic.

1. If you are sexually active, get tested. It is estimated that a third of all HIV-infected people in the United States do not know they are infected. The sooner you find out

your status, the sooner you can start treatment. Call your local health department for the location of the nearest anonymous testing site.

2. Talk to your kids about safer sex. This is not easy, but it is a much simpler conversation than the one you will have when your children tell you they have AIDS.

3. Make a donation to an AIDS service organization, either in your hometown or overseas.

We have been fighting this virus for over 20 years. With everyone's help, we can win the fight before another 20 years has passed. — Cathy Morales, Executive Director, Boston Living Center

Dear Cathy Morales: Thank you for your letter. People in this country have become complacent about AIDS, but it is still around and infecting thousands daily. Readers, visit www.bostonlivingcenter.org and look under "Resources" for a list of AIDS/HIV service organizations. Please make a donation. They need your help.

Dear Annie: I am in my mid-50s and have been living with "Jim," in his house, for 10 years. I do not share his ex-wife's taste in furnishings, but Jim refuses to let me change anything. I feel like a guest in his home. Any advice? — Florida

Dear Florida: Tell Jim that you have lived in this house for 10 years and it's time for the place to look like it belongs to both of you. If he refuses to let you redecorate, you will know where you stand — and it's somewhere behind the ex-wife.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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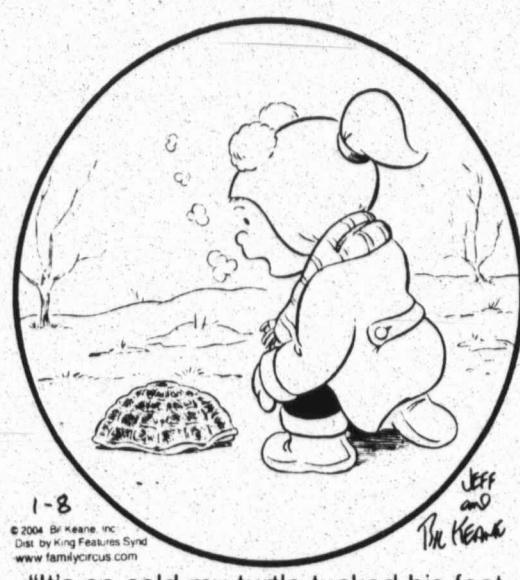
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"I'M CHANGING SETTINGS ON THE COMPUTER SO YOU CAN'T SEE ANY 'BAD STUFF'."

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"It's so cold my turtle tucked his feet into his pockets."

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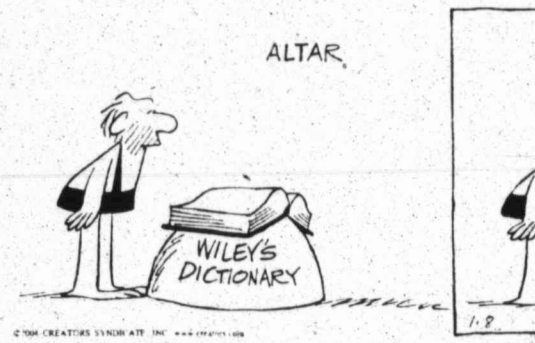


"I'M TIRED OF BEING INSULTED!! FROM NOW ON, I'M NOT TAKING ANYTHING FROM ANYONE!"

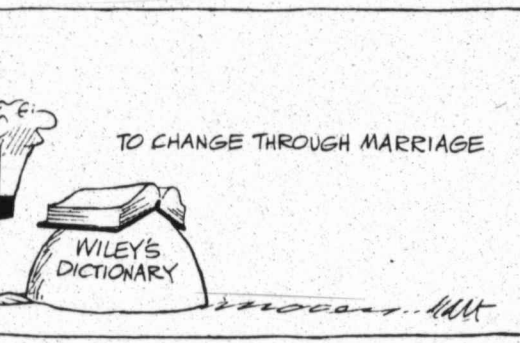


"HOW CAN YOU BE A VIKING AND NOT TAKE ANYTHING FROM ANYONE?"

BC



WILEY'S DICTIONARY



TO CHANGE THROUGH MARRIAGE



LET'S YOU AND I OPEN UP A "DIET" FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT...



WHAT WILL WE CALL IT? ...WE'LL SERVE FAT-FREE AND SUGAR-FREE FOOD



HOW REMEMBER: IF A EQUALS B, AND B EQUALS C, THEN A EQUALS C.



UH-OH! SORRY... NO MORE ROOM!!



WHEN I LOOK UP AT THE SNOWFLAKES FALLING DOWN ON ME, I FEEL LIKE I'M FLYING!



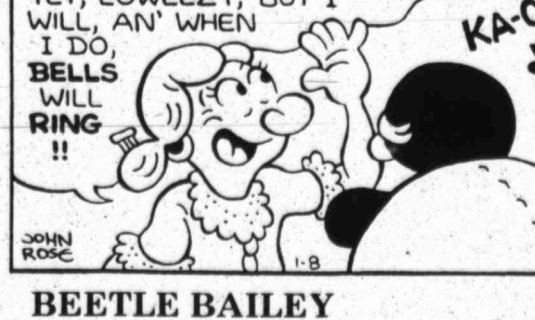
PITTO IS HAVING AN OPTICAL DELUSION!



LOOK... UP IN THE SKY!



IT'S... IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE!



I AIN'T FOUND MY TRUE LOVE YET, LOWEEZY, BUT I WILL, AN' WHEN I DO, BELLS WILL RING!!



HELLOOOOOO, MISTER RIGHT!!



I'M GOING INTO SHOW BUSINESS WHEN I GET OUT OF THE ARMY



I'M GOING TO BE A STOCK-BROKER

BLONDIE



LET'S GO BOWLING TONIGHT



I CAN'T... I HAVE TO TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 8, the eighth day of 2004. There are 358 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 8, 1935, rock-and-roll legend Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Miss.

In 1642, astronomer Galileo Galilei died in Arcetri, Italy.

In 1815, U.S. forces led by Gen. Andrew Jackson defeated the British in the Battle of New Orleans - the closing engagement of the War of 1812.

In 1894, fire caused serious damage at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

In 1918, President Wilson outlined his 14 points for peace after World War I.

In 1959, Charles De Gaulle was inaugurated as presi-

dent of France's Fifth Republic.

In 1964, President Johnson declared a "War on Poverty."

In 1973, secret peace talks between the United States and North Vietnam resumed near Paris.

In 1976, Chinese premier Chou En-lai died in Beijing at age 78.

In 1982, AT&T settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.

Ten years ago: Tonya Harding won the ladies' U.S. Figure Skating Championship in Detroit, a day after Nancy Kerrigan dropped out because of the clubbing attack that had injured her right knee. (The U.S. Figure Skating Association later stripped Harding of the title because of her involvement in the attack.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor-

comedian Larry Storch is 81. Actor Ron Moody is 80. Comedian Soupy Sales is 78. Broadcast journalist Sander Vanocur is 76. CBS newsman Charles Osgood is 71. Singer Shirley Bassey is 67. Game show host Bob Eubanks is 66. Country-gospel singer Cristy Lane is 64. Rhythm and blues singer Anthony Gourdine (Little Anthony and the Imperials) is 63. Actress Yvette Mimieux is 62. Physicist Stephen Hawking is 62. Rock musician Robby Krieger (The Doors) is 58. Rock singer David Bowie is 57. Movie director John McTiernan is 53.

Answer to previous puzzle

SPATS	PLED	GREG
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Newsday Crossword

THINK TRICE by Merle Baker
Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS**
- 1 Memorable Enrico
 - 7 Rooters
 - 11 ___ the question
 - 14 Up
 - 15 Part of JFK
 - 16 Poor, as manners
 - 17 Property of a rotating body
 - 20 Printers' measures
 - 21 Blocks entrance to
 - 22 Actress Gaynor
 - 23 Faust writer
 - 24 Coal starter
 - 25 Takes in
 - 28 At liberty
 - 30 Football coach Ewbank
 - 31 Summer sign
 - 33 Pantry
 - 36 PC key
 - 37 The Autobiography of Miss Jane
 - 39 Actress Hagen
 - 40 Lifted
 - 42 Passenger vehicle
 - 43 Memo letters
 - 44 Narrow strip of land
 - 45 Fiddler on the Roof setting, et al.
 - 47 "Shave haircut..."
 - 49 Excuses
 - 51 Railroad stops
 - 53 Dunker
 - 54 Salty spot
- DOWN**
- 1 Attended, with "to"
 - 2 Elvis' middle name
 - 3 Tire holders
 - 4 Application
 - 5 Electronic device
 - 6 Not working well
 - 7 Bottle size
 - 8 Ouzo flavoring
 - 9 Essayist Anais
 - 10 Flower holder
 - 11 Was defeated
 - 12 Henry's student
 - 13 Egg white
 - 18 Start
 - 19 Kitchen implement
 - 23 Sailor
 - 25 Bowls over
 - 26 Optimum condition
 - 27 Restored energy
 - 28 Camera attachments
 - 29 Operated
 - 32 Wagering letters
 - 34 List ender
 - 35 Criticizes
 - 37 Delt neighbor
 - 38 Meditation
 - 41 Country singer Rimes
 - 43 DDE opponent
 - 46 Red shade
 - 47 Top story
 - 48 "Forget it!"
 - 49 Departing word
 - 50 Recluse
 - 52 Snow runners
 - 54 Transport
 - 55 2001 erupter
 - 56 Part of ADA
 - 58 The "bad" cholesterol
 - 59 Fed. property overseer

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